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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER OR LAW
10 ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO A PUBLIC SCHOOL
11 CAMPUS OR EMPLOYED BY A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TO
12 OBTAIN CERTIFICATION IN YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST
13 AID; TO REQUIRE A SCHOOL COUNSELOR TO RECEIVE YOUTH
14 MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING; AND FOR OTHER
15 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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19 TO REQUIRE A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER OR
20 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL TO OBTAIN
21 CERTIFICATION IN YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH
22 FIRST AID; AND TO REQUIRE A SCHOOL
23 COUNSELOR TO RECEIVE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH
24 FIRST AID TRAINING.
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-10-128(d)(1), concerning school resource
29 officer training requirements, is amended to read as follows:

30 (d)(1) Sworn, nonsupervisory law enforcement personnel, including
31 without limitation school resource officers, who are assigned to a public
32 school campus during the instructional day or employed by a public school
33 district shall:

34 (A) Within eighteen (18) months of being assigned or
35 employed by the public school district:

36 (i)(a) Complete a forty-hour basic school resource



1 officer training program developed and provided, or approved, by the Arkansas
2 Center for School Safety of the Criminal Justice Institute.

3 (b) The training required under subdivision
4 (d)(1)(A)(i)(a) of this section shall include without limitation:

5 (1) The roles and responsibilities of
6 school resource officers in public schools;

7 (2) Laws ~~that are~~ specific to public
8 schools and students in public schools; and

9 (3) Adolescent behavior and development;
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11 (ii)(a) ~~Attend a training in youth mental health as~~
12 ~~required by the State Board of Education~~ Obtain certification in Youth Mental
13 Health First Aid.

14 (b) ~~The youth mental health training required~~
15 ~~under subdivision (d)(1)(A)(ii)(a) of this section shall be obtained~~ Youth
16 Mental Health First Aid certification shall be maintained and renewed every
17 four (4) years if the school resource officer remains assigned to or employed
18 by a public school district;

19 (B)(i) Within five (5) years after receiving the initial
20 basic school resource officer training program, complete a sixteen-hour
21 school resource officer refresher training developed and provided, or
22 approved, by the Arkansas Center for School Safety of the Criminal Justice
23 Institute.

24 (ii) The school resource officer refresher training
25 required under subdivision (d)(1)(B)(i) of this section shall be completed
26 every five (5) years; and

27 (C)(i) Annually complete twelve (12) hours of public
28 school-specific continuing education developed and provided, or approved, by
29 the Arkansas Center for School Safety of the Criminal Justice Institute.

30 (ii) The ~~youth mental health~~ Youth Mental Health
31 First Aid training required under subdivision (d)(1)(A)(ii) of this section
32 and the school resource officer refresher training required under subdivision
33 (d)(1)(B) of this section shall count towards the twelve (12) hours of public
34 school-specific continuing education required under subdivision (d)(1)(C)(i)
35 of this section in the years during which the ~~youth mental health~~ Youth
36 Mental Health First Aid and school resource officer refresher trainings are

1 completed.

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SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-18-2004(d), concerning school counselor training required for purposes of comprehensive student services, is amended to read as follows:

(d) By September 1, ~~2024~~ 2025, and every four (4) years following, a school counselor shall receive ~~youth mental health~~ Youth Mental Health First Aid training, as prescribed by the State Board of Education, to learn the risk factors and warning signs of mental health issues in adolescents, the importance of early intervention, and how to help an adolescent who is in crisis or expecting a mental health challenge.